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Applicant: Kuroda et al.
Serial No.: 10/632,293
Conf. No.: 5077
Filed: 8/1/2003
For: PREFORMAT METHOD FOR
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM,
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM,
AND MAGNETIC RECORDING AND
REPRODUCING APPARATUS
Art Unit: 2651
Examiner: Mercedes, Dismery E.

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Appr. February 20, 1998

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended		Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	19	-	20	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	=	\$ 0
Independent Claims	5	-	5	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$ 0
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims							\$360.00	=	\$ 0
							Total Additional Fee		\$ 0
							Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)		\$

(X) Amendment C.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT C

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 5, 2005, please amend
the above-identified Application as follows: